(7) Gwalior

(8) Indore

(9) Ujjain

(10) Rajamundry

(11) Vijayawada

(12) Rajkot

(13) Surendranagar

(14) Kota

(15) Vadodara

While GAIL, through its Jolfit Venture Companies, is supplying CNG to automobiles and Piped Natural Gas PNG to the households in the cities of the country, some other entities have also started so supply CNG & PNG in different parts of the country.

(c) and (d) The cities covered under the piped natural gas network in the country are Delhi, Mumbai, Agartala, Surat, Hazira, Junagam, Vasva, Mora, Damka, Bhatlai, Kawas, Rajgiri, Suwali, Icchapore, Ankleshwar, Bharauch, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Vidyanagar, Anand, Morbi, Gandhinagar, Duliajan, Digboi, Dibrugarh, Moran, Naharkatiya, Sivasagar, Nazira, Simaluguri and Tinsukia.

Piped Natural Gas is at present being supplied to over 2,74,000 homes in Mumbai and its suburbs by Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) and to more than 64,000 households in the various localities in Delhi by Indraprasha Gas Limited (IGL).

PNG to households will be covered in a phased manner, wherever infrastructure is available and is technically feasible.

Indo-lran Gas Pipeline

3625. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the proposed gas pipeline from Iran;

(b) the details of the discussion in this regard, with Iran and Pakistan, and

(c) by when the construction of the project is to start and is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) India is pursuing import of natural gas Iran through Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project. Two Secretay level Joint Working Groups namely India-Pakistan Joint Working Group and India-Iran Special Joint Working Group have been constituted for discussing the various issues involved. Four India-Pakistan JWD meetings and three India and Iran Special JWG meetings have been held so far. Subsequently, the issues are being discussed in the trilateral Iran-Pakistan-India Joint Working Group meetings. Four Iran-Pakistan-India Tripartite meetings have been held. The 4th Tripartite Meeting of the JWG was held at Tehran on 24th & 25th January, 2007. In the above meeting, the final report of the consultant was discussed. The gas price formulation at the Iran-Pakistan,border was agreed between Iran and Pakistan, subject to approval by their respective Governments. India was required to indicate acceptance in four weeks time. Suitable communication has been sent to Iran on 2S.2.2007.

The 4th bilateral JWG Meeting between India and Pakistan was held at Islamabad on 22nd & 23rd February, 2007 to finalise the transportation cost and transit tariff within Pakistan. The technical subgroup meeting between Pakistan and India was held at New Delhi on 22nd & 23rd March, 2007. Discussions were held on the technical issues, Transit Fee & Transportation Cost. It was decided to hold the JWG meeting to continue the discussions.

Construction of the project would start only after resolution of various contentious issues involved for which discussions amongst the Iran, Pakistan and India are continuing, it would take about 30—36 months for completion of the project after financial closure.

Allocation of SKO to Gujarat

3626. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government wants to consider the demand for enhancement in allocation of kerosene (SKO) made by Gujarat;

(b) if so, by when; and